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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, WA, SF
SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF SWAPO ON CAPE TOWN TALKS

REF: USUN 1375 (NOTAL)

1. REPS OF WESTERN FIVE (INCLUDING MURRAY OF UK, LAPOINTE
OF CANADA, VERGAU OF FRG, AND GARRIQUE-GUYONNAUD OF FRANCE,
ALL OF WHOM PARTICIPATED IN CAPE TOWN TALKS) MET WITH NY
SWAPO REP BEN-GURIRAB AFTERNOON OF MAY 9 AT THE UN TO
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BRIEF HIM ON CAPE TOWN TALKS WITH SAG. UK AMBASSADOR
MURRAY ACTED AS SPOKESMAN, FOLLOWING BRIEFING POINTS
IN REFTEL.

2. BEN-GURIRAB SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO HEAR PROGRESS REPORT ON CAPE TOWN TALKS, BUT
WOULD NOT COMMENT ON DETAILS. HE HAD, HOWEVER, SEVERAL

QUESTIONS, WHICH WERE ANSWERED:

A) BEN-GURIRAB: WHAT IS WESTERN UNDERSTANDING OF
"ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION?" IS THAT
SYNONYMOUS WITH UN SUPERVISION?

WESTERN ANSWER: YES. UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
MUST BE SATISFIED WITH ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

B) BEN-GURIRAB: ARE WESTERNERS SATISFIED THAT SAG
IS SERIOUS AND READY TO BEGIN TALKS? IS SAG DEALING IN
SAME SPIRIT AS WEST?

WESTERN ANSWER: YES, CONTACT GROUP BELIEVES SO.
PM VORSTER'S FORMIDABLE MAN, BUT WHEN HE SAYS SOMETHING,
AS HE DID DIRECTLY TO WESTERN FIVE IN CAPE TOWN ON SOME POINTS,
HE WILL PROBABLY CARRY IT OUT.

C) BEN-GURIRAB: WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES?

WESTERN ANSWER: SAG, SYG WALDHEIM, SWAPO, AND
VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN NAMIBIA, INCLUDING TURNHALLE DELEGATES.
THE FRONT LINE STATES ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE.
THE WESTERN FIVE ARE NOT PRINCIPLE PARTIES, ONLY BROKERS.

D) BEN-GURIRAB: WHAT IS WESTERN UNDERSTANDING OF
"CENTREAL AUTHORITY?"

WESTER ANSWER: WEST NEEDS MORE DETAILS, WHICH
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SAG HAS SAID IT WILL PROVIDE. WESTERN AMBASSADOR IN CAPE
TOWN WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

E) BEN-GURIRAB: IS TURNHALLE OUT, AND LEGISLATION
DROPPED?

WESTERN ANSWER: YES.

F) BEN-GURIRAB: HOW LONG UNTIL NEXT STEP? IS
ANOTHER DELEGATION GOING TO CAPE TOWN?

WESTERN ANSWER: THE DIALOGUE IS NOW CONTINUING,
BUT WEST NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ON "CENTRAL AUTHORITY" AND
REACTIONS FROM PARTIES CONCERNED BEFORE PLANNING NEXT STEP.
IN THAT REGARD WEST HOPES NOTHING WILL HAPPEN IN MAPUTO TO
OBSTRUCT THE PROCESS.

BEN-GURIRAB: NO TORPEDO IN MAPUTO?

WESTERNERS: THAT'S RIGHT*

3. BEN-GURIRAB EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SWAPO WILL CONTINUE TO BE BRIEFED. AMB MURRAY SAID THAT THAT PHASE IS OVER AND SWAPO NOW HAS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA.

4. COMMENT: CONTENT OF REPORT APPEARED HOLD NO SURPRISES FOR BEN-GURIRAB, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT AWARE OF BRIEFING OF SWAPO IN LUSAKA. SUBSTANCE OF HIS QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, INDICATED CAREFUL READING OF PRESS REPORTS. MEETING PROCEEDED IN CORDIAL FASHION WITH BEN-GURIRAB TAKING CAREFUL NOTES AND EMPHASIZING WISH TO MAINTAIN CONTACT.
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